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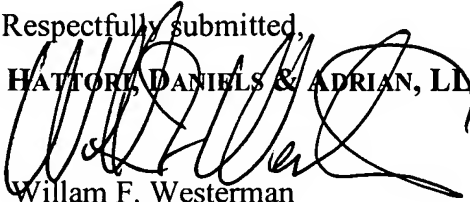
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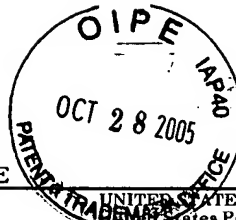
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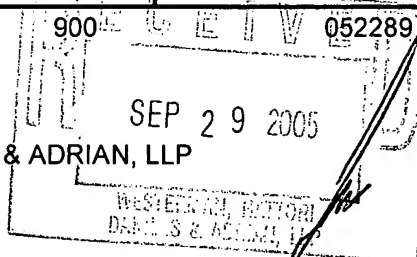


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| TITLE OF INVENTION: TOILET DEVICE | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Minoru MATSUI et al. | | |
| Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <p>1. <u>XX</u> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <u> </u> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <u>XX</u> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <u>XX</u> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <u>XX</u> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):</p> <p>a. <u> </u> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <u>XX</u> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <u> </u> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <u>XX</u> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <u>XX</u> is attached hereto.</p> <p>b. <u> </u> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <u>XX</u> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <u> </u> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <u> </u> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <u> </u> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <u>XX</u> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <u> </u> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <u>XX</u> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <u>XX</u> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p>ITEMS 11. TO 20. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</p> <p>11. <u>XX</u> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report, PTO/SB/08 and 2 documents.</p> <p>12. <u>XX</u> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: <u>TOILET D. Kitakyushu-shi Japan</u> Please publish the assignee data with the application.</p> <p>13. <u>XX</u> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <u> </u> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76</p> <p>15. <u> </u> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <u> </u> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <u> </u> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <u> </u> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <u> </u> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <u>XX</u> Other items or information: 16 sheets of drawings.</p> | | |